

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5, 11 and 14-19 have been canceled. Claims 4, 6-10, 12 and 13 remain pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 5, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To simplify the required amendments, Applicant has amended Claim 4 to include the limitations recited in Claim 5 and to correct a typographical error. Thus, amended Claim 4 is allowable over the prior art of record. Because they recite additional features and depend from Claim 4, Claims 6-10 are allowable as well.

Claim 12 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of Claim 11, and is therefore allowable. Because Claim 13 depends from Claim 12 and recites additional features, it is allowable also.

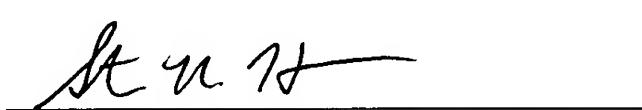
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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